

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-30 (canceled).

Claim 31 (original): An apparatus for vaporizing and transporting precursor molecules to a deposition chamber for deposition of a thin film on a substrate, the apparatus comprising:

an ionic liquid source;

a carrier gas source in fluid communication with the ionic liquid source; and

a deposition chamber in fluid communication with the carrier gas source.

Claim 32 (amended): ~~An apparatus~~ A system for vaporizing and transporting precursor molecules to a deposition chamber for deposition of a thin film on a substrate, the ~~apparatus~~ system comprising:

an ionic liquid source;

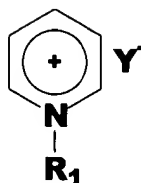
a carrier gas source;

a bubbler device for delivering the carrier gas source to the ionic liquid source; and

a deposition chamber in fluid communication with the ionic liquid source to receive vaporized molecules from the ionic liquid source.

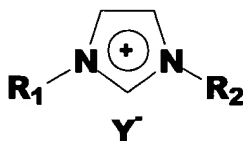
Claims 33-44 (canceled).

Claim 45 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the ionic liquid is of the formula:



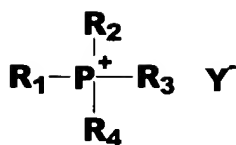
wherein  $R_1$  is alkyl and  $Y^-$  is selected from a group consisting essentially of halides, sulfates, nitrates, acetates, nitrites, tetrafluoroborates, tetrachloroborates, hexafluorophosphates,  $[SbF_6]^-$ , chloroaluminates, bromoaluminates, chlorocuprates, heteropolyanions, trifluoromethanesulfonates, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 46 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the ionic liquid is of the formula:



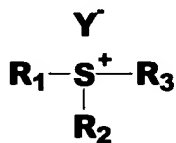
wherein  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are alkyls and  $Y^-$  is selected from a group consisting essentially of halides, sulfates, nitrates, acetates, nitrites, tetrafluoroborates, tetrachloroborates, hexafluorophosphates,  $[SbF_6]^-$ , chloroaluminates, bromoaluminates, chlorocuprates, heteropolyanions, trifluoromethanesulfonates, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 47 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the ionic liquid satisfies the formula:



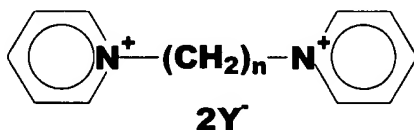
wherein R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub> are alkyls and Y<sup>-</sup> is selected from a group consisting essentially of halides, sulfates, nitrates, acetates, nitrites, tetrafluoroborates, tetrachloroborates, hexafluorophosphates, [SbF<sub>6</sub>]<sup>-</sup>, chloroaluminates, bromoaluminates, chlorocuprates, heteropolyanions, trifluoromethanesulfonates, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 48 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the ionic liquid satisfies the formula:



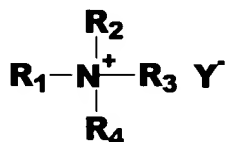
wherein R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, and R<sub>3</sub> are alkyls and Y<sup>-</sup> is selected from a group consisting essentially of halides, sulfates, nitrates, acetates, nitrites, tetrafluoroborates, tetrachloroborates, hexafluorophosphates, [SbF<sub>6</sub>]<sup>-</sup>, chloroaluminates, bromoaluminates, chlorocuprates, heteropolyanions, trifluoromethanesulfonates, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 49 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the ionic liquid satisfies the formula:



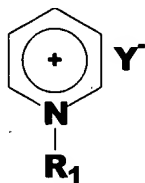
wherein n is from about 1 to about 10 and Y<sup>-</sup> is selected from a group consisting essentially of halides, sulfates, nitrates, acetates, nitrites, tetrafluoroborates, tetrachloroborates, hexafluorophosphates, [SbF<sub>6</sub>]<sup>-</sup>, chloroaluminates, bromoaluminates, chlorocuprates, heteropolyanions, trifluoromethanesulfonates, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 50 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the ionic liquid satisfies the formula:



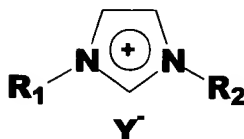
wherein R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub> are alkyls and Y<sup>-</sup> is selected from a group consisting essentially of halides, sulfates, nitrates, acetates, nitrites, tetrafluoroborates, tetrachloroborates, hexafluorophosphates, [SbF<sub>6</sub>]<sup>-</sup>, chloroaluminates, bromoaluminates, chlorocuprates, heteropolyanions, trifluoromethanesulfonates, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 51 (amended): The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 32, wherein the ionic liquid is of the formula:



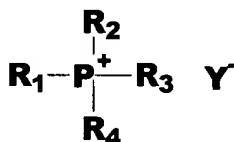
wherein R<sub>1</sub> is alkyl and Y<sup>-</sup> is selected from a group consisting essentially of halides, sulfates, nitrates, acetates, nitrites, tetrafluoroborates, tetrachloroborates, hexafluorophosphates, [SbF<sub>6</sub>]<sup>-</sup>, chloroaluminates, bromoaluminates, chlorocuprates, heteropolyanions, trifluoromethanesulfonates, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 52 (amended): The apparatus system of claim 32, wherein the ionic liquid is of the formula:



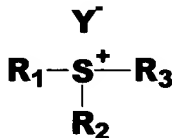
wherein  $\text{R}_1$  and  $\text{R}_2$  are alkyls and  $\text{Y}^-$  is selected from a group consisting essentially of halides, sulfates, nitrates, acetates, nitrites, tetrafluoroborates, tetrachloroborates, hexafluorophosphates,  $[\text{SbF}_6]^-$ , chloroaluminates, bromoaluminates, chlorocuprates, heteropolyanions, trifluoromethanesulfonates, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 53 (amended): The apparatus system of claim 32, wherein the ionic liquid satisfies the formula:



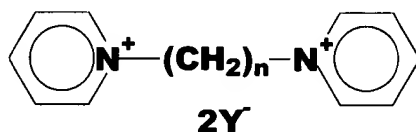
wherein  $\text{R}_1$ ,  $\text{R}_2$ ,  $\text{R}_3$ ,  $\text{R}_4$  are alkyls and  $\text{Y}^-$  is selected from a group consisting essentially of halides, sulfates, nitrates, acetates, nitrites, tetrafluoroborates, tetrachloroborates, hexafluorophosphates,  $[\text{SbF}_6]^-$ , chloroaluminates, bromoaluminates, chlorocuprates, heteropolyanions, trifluoromethanesulfonates, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 54 (amended): The apparatus system of claim 32, wherein the ionic liquid satisfies the formula:



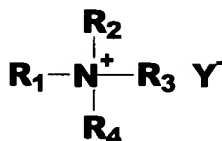
wherein  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ , and  $R_3$  are alkyls and  $Y^-$  is selected from a group consisting essentially of halides, sulfates, nitrates, acetates, nitrites, tetrafluoroborates, tetrachloroborates, hexafluorophosphates,  $[SbF_6]^-$ , chloroaluminates, bromoaluminates, chlorocuprates, heteropolyanions, trifluoromethanesulfonates, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 55 (amended): The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 32, wherein the ionic liquid satisfies the formula:



wherein  $n$  is from about 1 to about 10 and  $Y^-$  is selected from a group consisting essentially of halides, sulfates, nitrates, acetates, nitrites, tetrafluoroborates, tetrachloroborates, hexafluorophosphates,  $[SbF_6]^-$ , chloroaluminates, bromoaluminates, chlorocuprates, heteropolyanions, trifluoromethanesulfonates, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 56 (amended): The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 32, wherein the ionic liquid satisfies the formula:



wherein  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$  are alkyls and  $Y^-$  is selected from a group consisting essentially of halides, sulfates, nitrates, acetates, nitrites, tetrafluoroborates, tetrachloroborates,

hexafluorophosphates,  $[\text{SbF}_6]^-$ , chloroaluminates, bromoaluminates, chlorocuprates, heteropolyanions, trifluoromethanesulfonates, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 57 (previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 31, further comprising:

a first vessel containing a first precursor and a second vessel containing a second precursor, each first and second vessel in fluid communication with the ionic liquid source, the carrier gas source, and the deposition chamber.